

15 July 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 15 July 1969

Godfrey reported that, in response to a White House request (from the Chief/Situation Room, probably on behalf of Colonel Haig), a memorandum was prepared last night on the Honduran/Salvadoran crisis. The Director asked that he be furnished a copy of the memorandum.

In response to the DD/I's observation that it might be well to have a meeting in advance of next Thursday's USIB session in order to iron out any difficulties on agenda items, D/ONE briefed on the agenda. (See Morning Meeting Minutes of 14 July 1969.) D/ONE noted that DIA might footnote SNIE 14.3-69, Capabilities of the Vietnamese Communists for Fighting in South Vietnam, and after some discussion the Director asked D/ONE to call DIA to ask them to provide promptly whatever it is that seems to be causing them difficulty.

Maury noted that arrangements for tomorrow's breakfast with Senator Bayh are firm.

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that Senator Russell may not wish us to appear before his Appropriations Subcommittee for some time. Maury noted the protocol problems in replying to Senator Symington as Chairman of the Subcommittee on United States Security Agreements and Commitments Abroad. Bross noted that DOD must also reply to the letter and briefed on their anxiety. After some discussion the Director asked that DOD be advised to reply to the Symington letter and noted that we will focus in on our response to the letter in due time.

Houston briefed on a court-martial case in Saigon involving a Special Forces officer. DD/P and Carver noted that the Agency is not involved in any way and that the Chief of Station and General Abrams are in touch on this matter.

Bross noted receipt of a call yesterday from Gardiner Tucker, Deputy Director of Defense Research and Engineering, reporting on DOD plans to establish a Verification Panel related to the SALT talks and specifically concerned with the MIRV problem. Tucker asked that CIA name a deputy to the Panel, and after some discussion the Director asked Bross to advise Tucker to consult with the DD/I. The purpose of these consultations would be to determine whether the existing USIB Panel, chaired by the ADD/I, is not the most appropriate body to become seized with these problems.

Bross noted that 21 July is the date our comments are due to Mr. Froehlke on his report. The Director noted that he read the report and takes some exception to the recommendation that the NRO Executive Committee be abolished. He asked those Executive Committee members who have comments to get them to Bross promptly.

DD/S&T noted that he will be meeting with Gardiner Tucker this morning on SS-9 targeting.

DD/S&T reported that he will be attending a meeting tomorrow chaired by Dr. Kissinger to consider whether U. S. MIRV testing should be stopped.

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Executive Director noted receipt of a request from James Schlesinger, Assistant Director of the Bureau of the Budget, for a copy of SNIE 11-13-69. After some discussion concerning the limited distribution of this SNIE, it was decided that Mr. Schlesinger should be referred to Dr. Kissinger. (Following the meeting the Executive Director called D/PPB and advised that the Director has no objection to Mr. Schlesinger's having a copy of the SNIE if he can assure us that it is all right with Dr. Kissinger, who controls its distribution.)

The Director noted the responsibilities of the DCI Duty Officer over the weekend, particularly on Sundays and holidays. He mentioned existing communication capabilities possessed by him and the DDCI but observed that the DCI Duty Officer is expected to possess the judgment to handle the odd or unexpected and may therefore from time to time find himself committing the Agency to a course of action if the time frame does not permit consultation with him or the DDCI. He noted that the DCI Duty Officer must exercise the required judgment on what matters demand consultation with him or the DDCI. He emphasized that merely touching base with the working level of an interested directorate or office in seeking to respond to some contingency is not sufficient in terms of reacting to an important matter. He asked that each directorate review its own duty officer SOPs and that the DCI Duty Officers carefully review the material contained in the DCI Duty Officer Handbook.

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